

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/934,573

Examiner

Charles Kim

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

2624

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to submissions received on 10/31/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,7-11,14-21 (renumbered as claims 1-16 accordingly).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

JINGGEN WU
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles Gorenstein (Registration No. 29,271) on November 22, 2006. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 1, line 9, replace "at the at least" with --at at least--

Claim 1, line 11, replace "said particular" with --a particular--

Claim 1, line 11, replace "said two or more images" with --two or more images--

Claim 1, line 12, replace "said another image obtained at said another viewpoint, wherein said depth" with --another image obtained at another viewpoint, wherein a depth--

Claim 1, line 13, replace "said depth" with --a depth--

Claim 1, line 18, replace "two or more image" with --two or more images--

Claim 4, line 10, replace "at the at least" with --at at least--

Claim 4, line 24, replace "two or more image" with --two or more images--

Claim 16, line 1, replace "estimation" with --estimated--

Claim 17, line 5, replace "viewpoints" with --viewpoint--

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Claim 18, line 6, replace "said estimated" with --an estimated--

Claim 19, line 8, replace "detects said positional difference" with --detects a positional difference--

Cancel claim 22

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-7421. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon thru Thurs 8:30am to 6pm and alternating Fri 9:30am to 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jingge Wu can be reached on 571-272-7429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-7414.

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